PROTECTION

111. Several recommendations made by the Prisons Reforms Committee were sanctioned and some were under consideration. The benefit of release of prisoners on parole for 10 days in a year has fulfilled the objects with which the system was introduced. The services of the Nursing Orderlies from among the Prison staff in the Central Jail, Bangalore, was working satisfactorily.

(ix) Registration of Assurances.

Registration Offices.

112. The total number of Sub-Registry Offices in the State continued to be the same as in the previous year, *viz* ,, 87, of which 66 were special and 21 *ex-officio*.

Registration.

113. The total number of documents registered during the year was 2,47,040 (1,46,192). The aggregate value of the documents registered in all the districts amounted to Rs. 16,58,34,196 (Rs. 9,57,43,449). The number of registered documents relating to co-operative societies and other institutions wholly or partly exempted from payment of registration fees, was 8,748 (4,337) and the amount of fees, which the Government had to forego in respect of these documents, was Rs. 53,604 (Rs. 28, 431). The mutation fee collected during the year was Rs. 2,80,084 (Rs. 1,39,988).

Finance.

114. The revenue and expenditure of the Department during the year amounted to Rs. 5,48,934 (Rs. 5,45 010) and Rs. 3,80,607 (Rs. 3,78,138) respectively. The income and expenditure of the Yelandur Sub-Registry Office was Rs.6,603 (Rs. 3,706), and Rs. 3,152 (Rs. 2,469) respectively.

Changes in Acts and Rules.

115. Thirteen Asli villages belonging to Madras Presidency were transferred to Mysore State.

116. The levy of stamp duty and registration fees in respect of bonds for all advances to Government servants was ordered.

117. The concession granted regarding the continuance of the reduced rate of Records of Rights fee of Rs. 1-8-0 from 1st April 1950 was withdrawn.

118. The Income-tax Department was exempted from the payment of copying and search fees.

119. The Government of Mysore and Tata Family were exempted from payments of stamp duty and registration

charges under Section 4 (*b*) of the Stamp Act and Section 90 (*d*) of the Registration Act respectively in respect of an agreement regarding the management of and jurisdiction over the lands attached to the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, since the Government is a party to the agreement.

120. The table of registration fees was revised from 1st April 1951.

Municipal Administration.

Town and Minor Municipalities.

121. There were fifty-four Town and fifty-one Minor Municipalities in the State. The Srinivasapur Minor Municipality was converted into a Town Municipality.

122. Many Town and Minor Municipalities were reconstituted during the year on the expiry of the term of previous reconstitution.

123. The total number of members of the several Municipalities in all the districts at the end of the year was 1,862. Of these, 1,324 were elected, 315 nominated and 223 official members.

124. The income and expenditure of the several Municipal Councils in all the Districts of the State amounted to Rs. 93,67,360 and Rs. 69,23,618 respectively. Out of a total demand of Rs. 47,10,911 including arrears under assessed taxes in all the Districts, a sum of Rs. 35,31,297 was collected excluding the remission amounting to Rs. 9,338 and leaving a sum of Rs. 11,70,276 to be collected.

125. The Bill relating to the working of the Town and Minor Municipalities in the State was under examination during the year under review.

126. A sum of Rs. Five lakhs each was provided in the State Budget under Town Improvement and Water Supply Grants and amounts were sanctioned for the improvement of sanitation, drainage, water supply, etc., of Municipal Councils, deserving of such assistance.

127. The first stage of Water Supply Scheme to Hassan Town was sanctioned at a cost of Rupees Four lakhs, half of the cost of the scheme being sanctioned as grant.